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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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Application No.: 10/017,068

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KITS FOR LUNG VOLUME  
REDUCTION

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.